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In re Application of:	:
MATSUMOTO et al.	:
Serial No.: 10/664,237	: Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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Filed: September 17, 2003	: Examiner: TBD
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Title: METHOD FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE	:
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

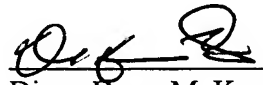
Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 4,418,045 corresponds to Japanese Patent No JP-B-63-067090; and U.S. Patent No. 6,348,638 B1 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. JP-A-2000-514419.

Applicant submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to a first action on the merits.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,

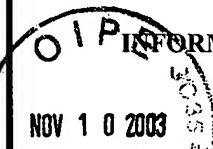
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	JP B-63-067090	12/23/1988	JP				
	JP B-07-112555	12/06/1995	JP			✓	
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	JP A-2001-181233	07/03/2001	JP			✓	

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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